

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
SATOSHI KOIZUMI, ET AL.) : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Application No.: N/Y/A) : Group Art Unit: N/Y/A
Filed: Currently herewith) :
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING)
N-ACETYLNEURAMINIC ACID : August 25, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to action on the merits, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 6-11 as follows.

Claim 6, line 1, change "any of claims 1-5" to
--claim 5--.

Claim 7, line 1, change "any of claims 1-6" to
--claim 5--.

Claim 8, line 1, change "any of claims 1-7" to
--claim 5--.